



## Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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<b>Event Name</b>	August 2015 Wild Fire Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	08/19/2015
<b>Time</b>	0700
<b>Operational Period</b>	0700 08/18/15 thru 0700 08/19/15
<b>Report Number</b>	8

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 3, 4, 5 and 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	None

### STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

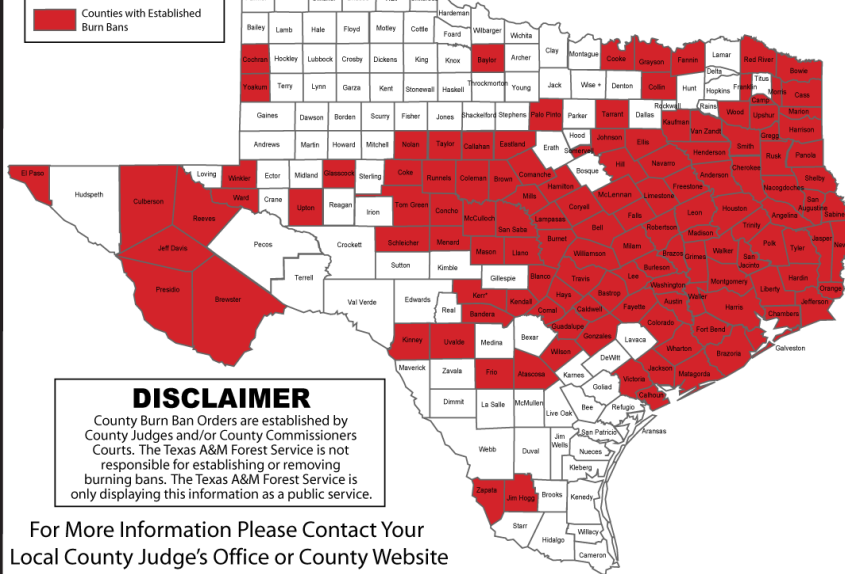
A cold front will bring cooler weather with a chance of rainfall Wednesday evening through Thursday. As a fall-like storm system is deepening east of the Rockies it will begin to affect the northern and western portions of the West Gulf River Forecast Center area. This will generate a disturbance that will pass through central and eastern New Mexico today. As the upper level trough deepens and drops south, the chances of rainfall for Texas improve for Wednesday evening north of I-20 and move to the south of I-20 by Thursday morning. The two-day total rainfall is not expected to exceed one inch. This cold front is expected to stall out over Central Texas Wednesday evening and begin to move back north as a weak warm front on Thursday. An isolated shower or storm cannot be ruled out along the retreating front on Thursday.

# OUTDOOR BURN BANS

August 18, 2015



Email updates to:  
burnban@tfs.tamu.edu



## DISCLAIMER

County Burn Ban Orders are established by County Judges and/or County Commissioners Courts. The Texas A&M Forest Service is not responsible for establishing or removing burning bans. The Texas A&M Forest Service is only displaying this information as a public service.

For More Information Please Contact Your  
Local County Judge's Office or County Website

Link to see if your county is under a RED FLAG WARNING: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/data/index.php>  
Burn Ban RSS feed available at <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/BurnBan.xml>

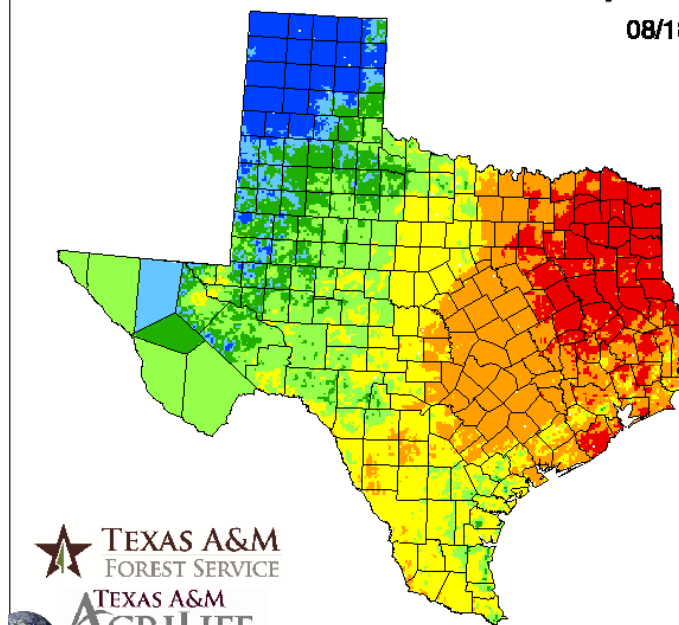
## Counties with Burn Bans: 131

Anderson  
Angelina  
Atascosa  
Austin  
Bandera  
Bastrop  
Baylor\*  
Bell  
Blanco  
Bowie  
Brazoria  
Brazos  
Brewster  
Brown  
Burleson  
Burnet  
Caldwell  
Calhoun  
Callahan  
Camp  
Cass  
Chambers  
Cherokee  
Cochran  
Coke  
Coleman  
Collin  
Colorado  
Comanche  
Comal  
Concho  
Cooke  
Coryell  
Culberson  
Eastland  
El Paso  
Ellis  
Falls  
Fannin  
Fayette  
Fort Bend  
Franklin  
Freestone  
Frio  
Galveston  
Glasscock  
Gonzales  
Grayson  
Gregg  
Grimes  
Guadalupe  
Hamilton  
Hardin  
Harris  
Harrison  
Hays  
Henderson  
Hill  
Houston  
Jackson  
Jasper  
Jeff Davis  
Jefferson  
Jim Hogg  
Johnson  
Kaufman  
Kendall  
Kerr  
Kinney  
Lampasas  
Lee  
Leon  
Liberty  
Limestone  
Llano  
Madison  
Marion  
Mason  
Matagorda  
McCulloch  
McLennan  
Menard  
Millam  
Mills  
Montgomery  
Morris  
Nacogdoches  
Navarro  
Newton  
Nolan  
Oldham  
Orange  
Palo Pinto  
Panola  
Polk  
Presidio  
Red River  
Reeves  
Robertson  
Runnels  
Rusk  
Sabine  
San Augustine  
San Jacinto  
San Saba  
Schleicher  
Shelby  
Smith  
Somervell  
Tarrant  
Taylor  
Tom Green  
Travis  
Trinity  
Tyler  
Upshur  
Upton  
Uvalde  
Van Zandt  
Victoria  
Walker  
Waller  
Ward  
Washington  
Wharton  
Williamson  
Wilson  
Winkler\*  
Wood  
Yoakum  
Zapata

\* - Burn Ban is ONLY during a Red Flag Warning day  
\* - Burn Ban in effect check with County for specifics

## Keetch-Byram Drought Index

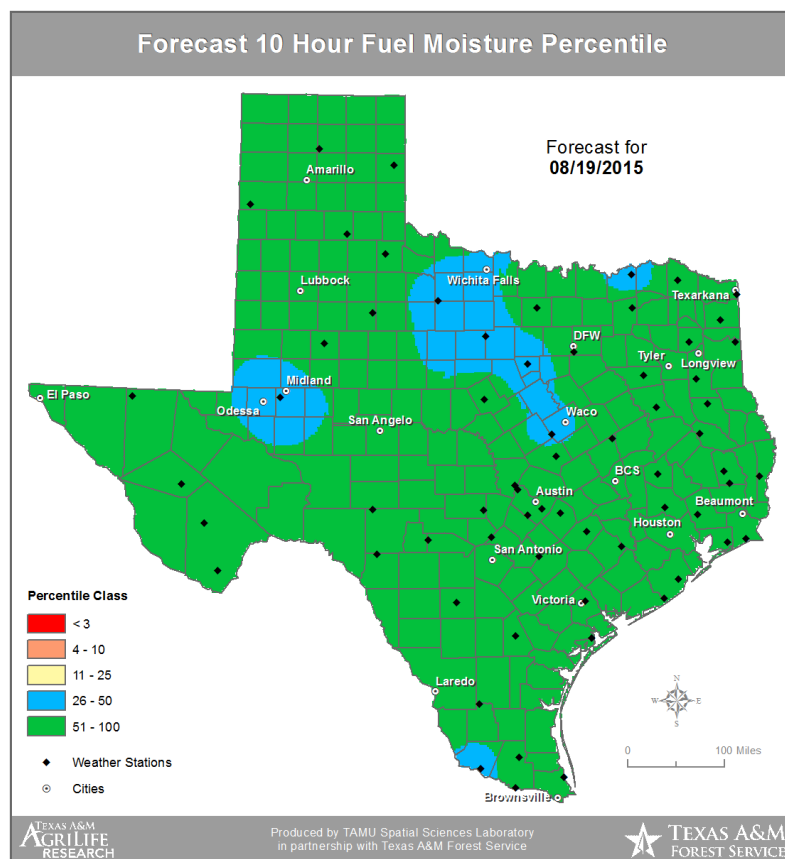
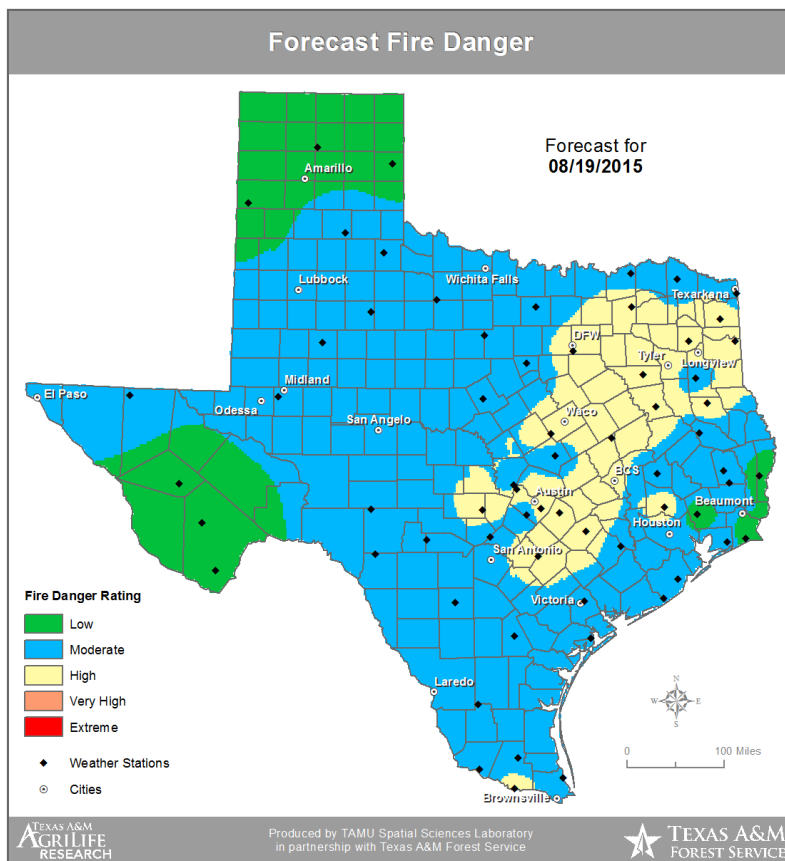
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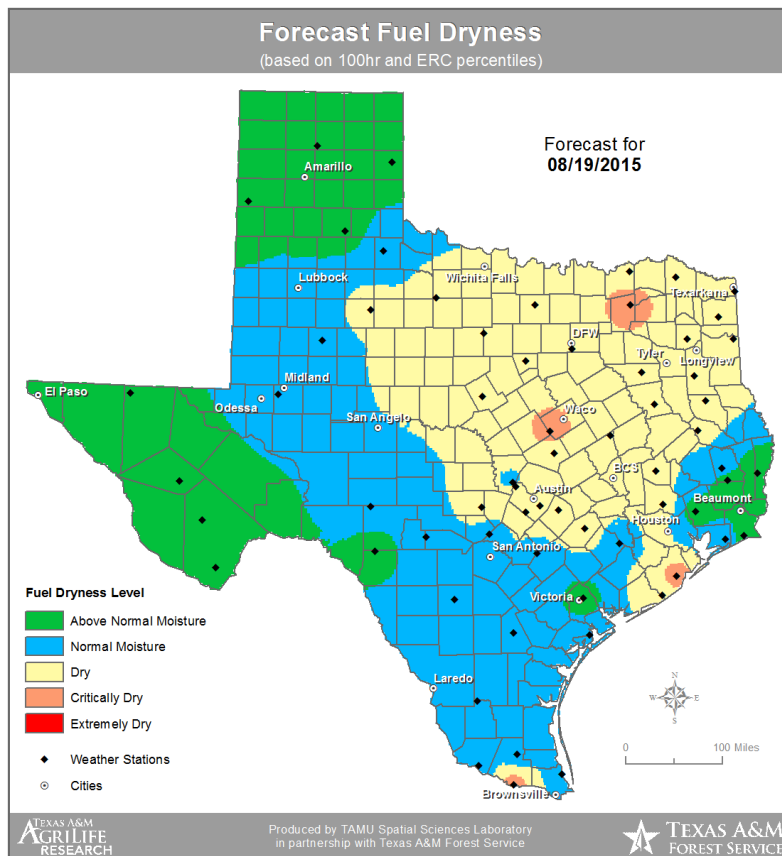


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DATA SOURCES: NEXRAD and NWS





## Operational Priorities:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

### REGION 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

**DDC 6 – Tyler:** Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood

### **Cherokee County:**

A wildfire in Cherokee county burned one acre on 08/18/15 and is 100% contained.

### Region 3 (Includes DDCs 19, 20, 21 and 24)

**DDC 24 Del Rio:** (Includes Val Verde, Edwards, Real, Kinney, Uvalde, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit and La Salle Counties)

**Val Verde County:**

West Fire: The fire has consumed approximately 3,000 acres and is 80% contained. The West Fire is 24 miles northeast of Comstock. Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS) is the lead agency.

**Region 4** (Includes DDCs 8, 9 and 10)

**DDC 10 San Angelo:** (Includes Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green Counties)

**Kimble County:**

Weittz Fire started on 08/18/15 consuming almost 24 acres before it was 100% contained.

**Tom Green County:**

Head of the River Fire: The fire, which started on 08/15/15, is located 10 miles southeast of Christoval on Farm-to-Market (FM) Road 2084. An aircraft mapping flight showed a more accurate number of acres burned at 5,204; the fire is 100% contained. The evacuation notice that was issued has been rescinded and the shelter at the Christoval Community Center has been closed. No VFD's remain on scene. Tom Green County resources and TFS resources that include TIFMAS, remain on scene. TxDOT crews are providing equipment and traffic control. Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) aircraft and Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator (DC) San Angelo also responded.

River Crest Fire: The wildfire started on 08/18/15 burning two acres near the south entrance to San Angelo State Park before responders gaining 100% containment. The Grape Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Tom Green County Sheriff's Office responded. The Texas A&M Forest Service provided one bulldozer and operator.

**Crockett County:**

Sutton Ranch Fire: The fire, which started on 08/12/15, was reportedly caused by a lightning strike. The fire consumed 693 acres and is 100% contained.

Cox Ranch Fire: The fire burned approximately 433 acres and it is 90% contained.

Cap Rock Fire: The fire burned approximately 5 acres and it is 90% contained.

Lancaster Hill Fire: The fire burned approximately 103 acres and it is 90% contained.

Clegg Fire: The fire burned approximately 133 acres and it is 80% contained.

**Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3 and 7)

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls:** (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young counties)

**Young County:**

Upper Tonk Fire: The fire burned 86 acres and is 100% contained.

**Region 6** (Includes DDCs 11, 23, 12, 18 and 17)

**DDC 12 – Austin**

**Counties:** Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Lee, Llano, Travis, Williamson

**Llano County:**

L Bar Fire: The fire burned approximately 410 acres and it is 100% contained.

**DDC 17 Victoria:** (Includes: Gonzales, DeWitt, Lavaca, Goliad, Jackson, Victoria and Calhoun counties)

**Gonzales County:**

Harwood Fire: The fire has been 100% contained burning over 16 acres. Fire departments will continue to monitor for hotspots and then be released.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**  
**REPORTS**

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** DPS Highway Patrol is assisting with traffic control.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS has a total of 56 dozers and 7 engines available statewide. TFS is responding to numerous fires and assisting local fire departments.

Fire Name	County	TFS Assets
Sutton Ranch	Sutton	1 dozer 1 engine 9 personnel
Head to the River Ranch	Tom Green	5 dozers 1 engine 17 personnel
Cox Ranch	Crockett	4 dozers 2 engines 9 personnel

**Aviation Assets:** 2 SEATs; 2 Type 3 Helicopters; 1 Type 2 Helicopter; 1 Air Attack

**Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS):**

Strike Team 1 (Austin Area)	
Austin FD	Command
Georgetown FD	Type 6
Lake Travis Fire Rescue	Type 6
Leander FD	Type 6

North Lake Travis Fire Rescue	Type 6
Oak Hill FD	Type 6
Round Rock FD	Type 6
<b>Strike Team 2 (San Antonio Area)</b>	
Bulverde-Spring Branch FD	Type 6
District 7 Fire Rescue	Type 6
New Braunfels FD	Command & Type 6
Schertz FD	Type 6
San Antonio FD	Type 3 & 6 (1 demob)
<b>Strike Team 3 (Houston/Midland Area)</b>	
Big Spring FD	Type 6
Galveston FD	Type 6
Midland FD	Command & Type 6
Montgomery Co ESD #1	Type 6
Northeast Fire & Rescue	Type 6
<b>Helicopter (Austin Area)</b>	
STARFlight	Type 2

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) is at Level IV (Normal Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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